2.01 Make Incongruous Images

**Incongruity** (in-con-GREW-i-tee) is "a state of two or more things lacking harmony,  
being incompatible, inconsistent, absurdly combined. "Such things are called "incongruous."

What makes anything funny or tragic is incongruity. Incongruous images are often used in advertisements and in movies—think *special effects*—attention-getting, and amusing.

Examples of incongruous images:

* A guy you know puts on a mask that gives him the face of a monster, clown, famous person, etc. (Not what you expect to see!)
* Helping to shop for groceries, you pick up a head of lettuce and notice that this head has facial features. (Startling!)
* The body of a movie character that nibbles on a magic doughnut gradually becomes that of an elephant. (Not the image a viewer expects to see!)
* A car going past you doesn't have wheels. It has the legs of an elephant instead.
* **Your assignment** is to find images that you can take parts from and put them with other images to form new *incongruous* images:

Find images on the Internet and save them as files in your folder on the student server, and/or find photos you can scan and save in your folder.

Use your graphics software to create new documents - also called "[photomontages](http://www.artlex.com/ArtLex/Pf.html#anchor1212158)" <http://www.artlex.com/ArtLex/Pf.html#anchor1212158> — in which you combine incongruous portions of these found images.

Alter the edges of every part you relocate so they look like they belong where you place them. If you put a new head on a body, you must choose and position the head so that it looks like it could have grown from that body. Its size, color, texture, and placement must look compatible with the body. One might see the neck coming through the collar of the shirt on the body, for instance. That edge is most important, but the edges of the hair cannot display a reminder of the wallpaper that was once behind it when the body is in front of a snowy hillside.

**Produce an image that combines a portion of a human figure with something else — a portion of a different human, an animal, or one or more parts.**

Print this new picture, along with images of the original pictures from which you took the portions that you combined, and cite on each the URL where it was found. Label these with your full name and class period on the front of each sheet, and hand them in.